

Teams for :	8/3	15/3	22/3	29/3	5/4	12/4	19/4
Children Liturgy	2	none	3	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Coffee 9am (11)	6	7	8	9	10	11	1
Coffee 11am (9)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Flowers	none	Sr Rose	none	Sisters	All to	water	Sr Rose

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes:
Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Sonya Drury.

ROSARY: Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church.

BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS: Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)

URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm Ursuline Convent.

EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER: First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm. Various locations.

PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: Contact the Office if you need some form of practical help.

UKRAINIAN LITURGY Ukrainian Divine Liturgy 2nd Sunday of the month at 6.30pm.

PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

LENT - PRAYER - FASTING - ALMSGIVING

LENTEN ALMSGIVING COLLECTION Along with prayers and fasting we are all encouraged to give alms during Lent. Susie and Elspeth are very grateful for the amazing support and thank you for your generosity, they received last weekend and raised £200 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. We will continue the collection by making our Lenten Almsgiving Collection go to Great Ormond St Hospital. Please pop your donations in the basket near the font. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose for the souls of Valerie Clarke, Judith Tackas and Anna Fernandez. A funeral service for Valerie will take place on Thursday, 12th March at 11am followed by burial at Fairspear Natural Burial Ground. A funeral service for Judith will take place at North Oxfordshire Crematorium on Monday, 23rd March at 3pm. Ana's funeral details will be announced in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

BIG PLASTIC COUNT 9TH - 15TH MARCH

Please sign up at thebigplasticcount.com and let the government know the true scale of the UK's plastic problem.

BEETLE DRIVE This popular social event will take place this coming Friday, 13th March. Please sign up on the list a the back of church and state your choice of food. Price: £10 inc. fish supper. The game is very easy to play and is great sociable fun, do come along if you missed the last one.

URSULINE ASSOCIATION The Ursuline Association Annual Retreat will take place on Thursday, 19th March from 10.30am-3pm at the Convent, Kings End. This will replace the usual monthly meeting. All welcome.

PALM SUNDAY (29th March) A reminder that we will gather at the Ursuline Convent (opposite Lisseters) at 10.50am to process towards the church.

LENTEN WALK Anna would like to thank those who have already donated to the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Your donations have kept her motivated when the going was tough. You can track her progress by looking at the Big Lent Walk poster on the CAFOD display board at the back of the church.

STATIONS AND SOUP LUNCH Thank you to the organisers who made pots of delicious soup and to all who came along to this event and generously gave donations towards Anna's CAFOD walk.

SCHOOL LENTEN MASSES These will take place every Friday, at 8am in school during Lent. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Stations of the Cross will be recited every Friday at 7pm, but not on 20th March due to Confirmation Mass being held, and Sundays at 5pm. CTS Stations of the Cross booklets (some large print) are now in stock in the piety shop along with other Lenten reading resources.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE Monday, 23rd March at 7pm. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION The next RCIA session will take place on Wednesday 11th at 7.30pm in the centre.

EASTER RAFFLE Easter raffle tickets are now on sale. £5 per book of 5. The draw will take place on Sunday, 5th April after 11am mass in the centre. Any raffle prizes gratefully received please deliver to the JP II Centre.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE A pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from Fri, 7th August -Tue, 11th August 2026. Price: £695 sharing, £795 single room. Flights from Bristol airport. Optional insurance £55 pp. Please email the office if you are interested in more details. Forms and details are available from the back of church, alternatively email the parish office.

JOIN US ON THE WHATS APP COMMUNITY CATHOLIC BICESTER GROUP FOR TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS. THERE ARE ALSO SEPARATE GROUPS FOR CHURCH GROUPS CREATED WITHIN THE APP. SCAN THE QR CODE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.



CRIME & POLICING BILL The House of Lords is currently debating an extreme amendment to the Crime & Policing Bill, which would allow women to self induce their own abortions for any reason, and at any gestation. The last chance to remove this amendment will be at Report Stage, 11th or 17th March. Please act now to stop this barbaric proposal. To write to members of the House of Lords go to <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/>

DEANERY PASTORAL FORUM The Deanery Pastoral Forum was set up 3 years ago and at their last meeting it was agreed to distribute details on DPF activities and a list of Deanery events giving them the opportunity to inform parishioners of the role of the Deanery Pastoral Forum and indeed the Clusters, in contributing to the wider Diocesan Vision. **You will find details following this link, via Catholic Bicester What's App, on our website and also some hard copies will be available at the back of church.** <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/whats-on/>

PIETY SHOP Has new stock in! St Patricks Day & Mothers Day cards, statues, rosaries, confirmation gifts and more...come and have a browse...

QUIZ NIGHT £220 was raised last Friday at the Quiz night. Thank you to all who came along and to the social committee for organising the event.

EASTER FLOWERS Forms are now available to contribute to the cost of lilies and flowers for Easter, £2.50 each. Please deliver forms by 1st April.

BGN QUIZ NIGHT Friday 24th April 7pm for 7:30 pm start. Teams of max 8. £7 per person. Licensed bar and nibbles. See BGN website for tickets www.bgn.oxon.sch.uk

DIARY DATES 2026 :

Art & Craft Market Saturday 14th March 11am-2pm .

Mass of Confirmation Friday 20th March 2026 at 7pm.

Coffee Morning Friday 10th April at 10am.

Baptism Course - Saturday, tbc, from 10am-12 noon.

First Holy Communions Saturday 16th May.

Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 7th June (to St Mary's)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CANDLE MONEY Please place money into wall collection box at the back of church near the piety shop. Alternatively pay by card 'Sanctuary lamps & votives.'

PARISH GIVING

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH :

8th: Cathedral Maintenance.

15th/22nd/29th: Parish Maintenance.

BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:

<https://portal.myдона.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528>

Standing Orders/Donations/Payments/100 Club

Bicester: Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02342731

Account Name: For RCA Birmingham Immaculate Conception Bicester Reg Charity

Hethe: Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02301466

Mass intentions offerings: By cash in offering envelopes from the back of church or option 'mass offerings' on card machine, please enter surname when prompted.

CONTACTLESS You can also donate by scanning the QR code with your phone or by card at the machine in the church porch. If you pay tax, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Each time you make a subsequent donation using the same card, Gift Aid will be collected automatically. Gift Aid it!! You could add 25% to the value of your donation. Contact Sr Sani.

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<https://camstreamer.com/redirect/>

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Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 8th March 2026 - Psalter Week 3

Month of March is dedicated to St Joseph (Solemnity 19th March)

Pope's Prayer Intention - Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 7th Vigil Mass	4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish Domingos Mesquita Soares (RIP)	Lent Feria	Volunteer K & P Kallay	S & M Doherty	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 8th March	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm	Sr Andrea Pozholiparambil (RIP) Patricia Koning (RIP) Stations of the Cross Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	Third Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	L & R Weaver U Edwards/ D Munoz	M & A Brwon J & M Franta	C West/volunteer Kokore Family
MON 9th	12 noon 3.00pm @ Hethe	Peter A J (RIP) Funeral Service - Desmond McGovern (RIP)	Lent Feria	M Daniel		
TUE 10th	9.30am	Holy Souls	Lent Feria	L Cleeve		
WED 11th		No Mass	Lent Feria			
THU 12th	9.30am 11.00am	Raphael Kokore (Birthday) Funeral Service - Valerie Clarke (RIP)	Lent Feria Dementia Prayer Week	J Kokore		
FRI 13th	8.00am @ Sch 12 noon 7.00pm 7.30pm	Lenten Mass at School - Holy Souls Margaret Forsyth (RIP) Stations of the Cross Beetle Drive & Supper@ the St JP II	Lent Feria Dementia Prayer Week	School E King		
SAT 14th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Holy Souls Exposition, Benediction & Confessions Helen Parnaby (RIP) Catenian Mass for Vocations	Lent Feria Dementia Prayer Week	Volunteer R Rianti/ A Mutton	M Kelly/B Santiago	A Mutton/ C West
SUN 15th	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Ints of Anna Fernandez People of the Parish Stations of the Cross	Fourth Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	A Kirby Hall/P Cousins E Green/ H King	L & R Weaver J & J Kokore	L & C Cleeve Franta Family

Tea & Coffee in the JP II Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend & once a month on a Friday throughout the year (not Jan or Aug).
Come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners!
Donations can now be made by card—option 'Coffee Mornings'
We use Fairtrade / Rainforest Alliance Tea and Coffee!

This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: Felipe Teng (RIP)
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: John Dunn (RIP)
If you wish to sponsor one of the sanctuary lamps which perpetually burn in the Church, please complete and return a slip to the parish office or sisters.

Safeguarding: Both our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding, Guidance & the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parishes Safeguarding Representatives are:
Elizabeth Green: sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk &
Les Cleeve: sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk
Diocesan Safeguarding Team 0121 2306240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection CAFOD	Standing Orders	Quiz Night	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£ 629.99	£271.52	£1122	£220	551
Hethe	£63.00	£25.20	£165		37

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Rev Mr Michael Panejko MA 01869 246 459

Altar Servers: dce.michael.panejko@rcaob.org.uk

Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787 **Parish Youth:** yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

Retired Priest: Rev. Fr. Pat Armstrong

Parish Sisters: Ursuline Convent - Sr Rose Mathew - 01869 327 689

Parish Office/Secretary: Lucia Hattam Wednesday & Friday 9am-4pm

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First reading Exodus 17:3-7

‘Give us water to drink.’

In those days: The people thirsted for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’ So Moses cried to the LORD, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.’ And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, ‘Is the LORD among us or not?’

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’*

Second reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit who has been given to us.

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God. Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world; give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

Gospel John 4:5-42

‘A spring of water welling up to eternal life.’

At that time: Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?’ (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink”, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.’

Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come here.’ The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming — he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I who speak to you am he.’

Just then his disciples came back. They marvelled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you seek?’ or, ‘Why are you talking with her?’ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ‘Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?’ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, ‘Rabbi, eat.’ But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Has anyone brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, “There are yet four months, then comes the harvest”? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me all that I ever did.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.’

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

ORDER OF MASS

Priest: In the name of the Father

People: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act

Everyone: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria *(Not used in Advent or Lent)*

Priest/Choir: Glory to God in the highest,

Everyone: and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

After the first and second readings

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel acclamation

Reader: **Glory and praise to you O Christ**(a few words)

People: **Glory and praise to you O Christ**

Before the Gospel reading

Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest/Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to...

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel reading

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Everyone: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(all bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

All: Hear our Prayer *or* Lord, graciously hear us.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you. **People:** **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts. **People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** **It is right and just.**

Everyone: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation

Priest: **The mystery of faith.**

People: ONE OF THESE:

A We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

B When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

C Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Doxology

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen**

Priest: At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **Our Father....**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every

People: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest/Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

To each other: **Peace be with you**

Lamb of God

People: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit**

Priest: May almighty God.....

All: **Amen**

Priest/Deacon: Go forth the Mass is ended.

All: **Thanks be to God.**